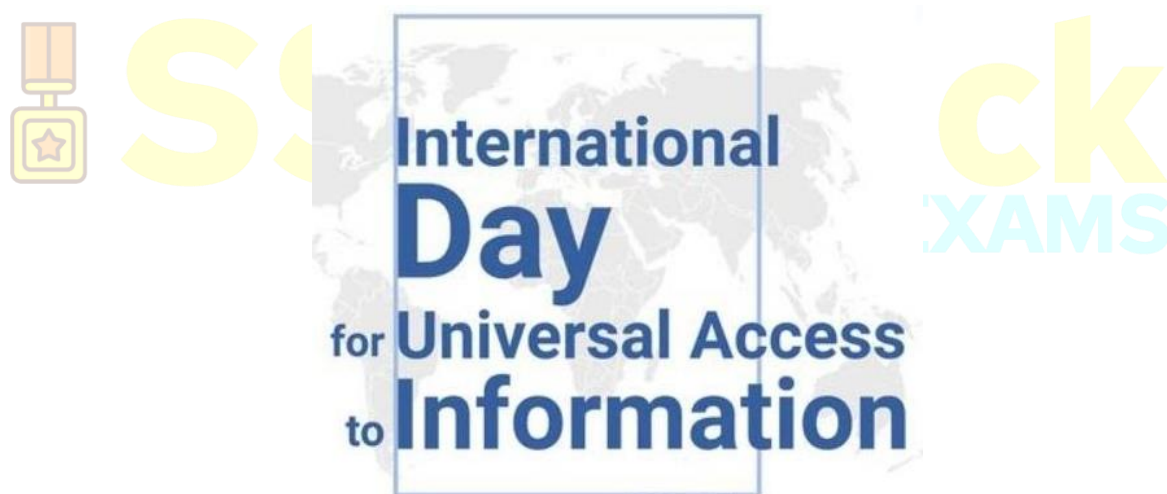


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International Day For Universal Access To Information

- International Day for Universal Access to Information, proclaimed at the 74th UN General Assembly on **October 15, 2019**, shines a spotlight on the fundamental right to seek, receive, and impart information.
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) took a significant step on **November 17, 2015**, by declaring September 28 as the International Day for Universal Access to Information.
- Held annually on September 28, this day emphasizes the significance of an informed citizenry and highlights the theme of the online space's pivotal role in ensuring access to information.

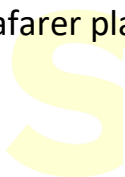


World Maritime Day

- World Maritime Day is celebrated on the **last Thursday of every September**, on September 28 this year, to honor the tireless work of the international maritime industry workers.
- This year's World Maritime **Theme is "MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on"**. The theme reflects the organization's long history of protecting the environment from the impact of shipping via a robust regulatory framework and emphasizes its ongoing commitment to this important work.



- The International Maritime Organization was established in **1948** to regulate the shipping industry. IMO maintains a comprehensive framework that includes technical cooperation, environmental regulation, legal remedies, and safety for all its staff.
- The word 'maritime' comes from the Latin word 'maritimus,' which means 'of the sea.' The day illuminates the role that every maritime officer, service agent, and seafarer plays in our individual lives. Life at sea is hard.



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ORGANIZATION**

India-US 2 plus 2 Intersessional Dialogue

- India-US 2 plus 2 Intersessional Dialogue was **held in Washington**.
- Underscoring transformative momentum in India-US relationship, the two countries held discussions on opportunities to further strengthen interoperability and logistics cooperation.
- The sides also discussed combined **maritime engagements** in the Indian Ocean Region, as well as expanded cooperation in the space and cyber domains, Pentagon said.

- The Indian delegation was led by Additional Secretary in External Affairs Ministry **Vani Rao** and Joint Secretary in the Defence Ministry **Vishwesh Negi**.



Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath

- The **Ayush Ministry** will observe “**Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath**” under the aegis of the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign.
- As per the Ministry, more than 200 events will be organised across the country to mark the day.
- The National Commission of Indian System of Medicine and the National Commission for Homoeopathy with more than 750 colleges will also participate in the event.
- The Ministry has also requested various States and Union territories to observe the Shramdaan activity at all Ayush Health and Wellness Centres. The **Theme for Swachhata Hi Seva 2023** is 'Garbage Free India'.



RBI Approved Poonawalla Fincorp To Issue Credit Cards

- The Reserve Bank of India has officially approved the partnership between **Poonawalla Fincorp and IndusInd Bank** to launch a **co-branded credit card**, a significant development poised to reshape India's financial sector.
- The Co-Branded Credit Card: A Revolutionary Step
- Poonawalla Fincorp Limited, led by the visionary Abhay Bhutada as Managing Director, has consistently pushed the boundaries of innovation to deliver state-of-the-art financial services to its clientele.
- The company's most recent endeavor introduces a co-branded credit card in collaboration with IndusInd Bank. This strategic alliance promises to bring about transformative changes in the Indian financial landscape.



'2018' is India's official entry in Oscars 2024

- The Film Federation of India has revealed that "**2018: Everyone is a Hero**," a Malayalam film depicting the **Kerala floods**, has been chosen as India's official submission for the 2024 Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars.
- This cinematic masterpiece, directed by **Jude Anthany Joseph**, explores the gripping narratives of individuals grappling with survival amidst the catastrophic floods that ravaged the state.
- The film's selection is a recognition of its powerful depiction of climate change concerns and its exploration of societal misunderstandings surrounding the concept of development.



RBI Cancels Licence Of The Kapol Co-operative Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken a significant action by revoking the license of The **Kapol Co-operative Bank Limited**, a cooperative bank based in **Mumbai**.
- The primary reason behind this decision stems from concerns about the bank's **insufficient capital** and its uncertain prospects for generating earnings, which have cast doubt on its ability to meet its obligations to depositors.
- Alongside the **license cancellation**, the RBI has called upon the Additional Secretary & Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Ministry of Cooperation, to issue an order for the bank's winding-up process.
- Additionally, a **liquidator will be appointed** to oversee and manage the bank's liquidation, marking the commencement of the bank's dissolution and the subsequent distribution of its assets.



Sift Kaur Samra wins gold in women's 50m Rifle

- India's **Sift Kaur Samra** won gold in the women's **50m Rifle 3-P individual event** at the Asian Games 2023.
- Give India its fifth gold at Hangzhou.
- In women's 25m pistol shooting event, Indian team comprising of Manu Bhaker, Rhythm Sangwan and Esha Singh also claimed the gold medal.
- Meanwhile, in the individual women's 25m pistol event, Esha Singh secured the Silver medal, finishing second to China's Rui Liu.



Infosys & Microsoft Collaborate For AI

- **Infosys**, one of India's leading IT majors, has announced a **strategic collaboration** with tech giant **Microsoft**.
- The partnership aims to develop cutting-edge solutions harnessing the combined prowess of Infosys Topaz, Azure OpenAI Service, and Azure Cognitive Services.
- This collaborative effort seeks to bring AI capabilities to the forefront of **enterprise functions** across various industries, promising to enhance productivity and drive new revenue growth.
- The goal is to assist **enterprise customers** in transitioning from traditional digital solutions to AI-powered innovations.



World Coffee Conference

- The 5th World Coffee Conference (WCC) was held in Bengaluru, and organized by the International Coffee Organization (ICO), a UN body focused on highlighting the economic importance of coffee.
- It is being held for the first time in an Asian coffee-producing country.
- The International Coffee Organization was set up **in 1963 in London**, under the auspices of the United Nations due to the economic importance of coffee.
- It administers the International Coffee Agreement, an important instrument for development cooperation.



Arogya Manthan 2023

- The **National Health Authority (NHA)**, a division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), hosted a two-day event called 'Arogya Manthan' in New Delhi.
- This event has been organized to mark two significant milestones in India's healthcare sector: **the 5th anniversary of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)** and the **2nd anniversary of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)**.
- Arogya Manthan 2023 promises to be a dynamic platform featuring insightful discussions and deliberations regarding these two transformative healthcare initiatives.
- The **objectives** of Arogya Manthan 2023 include:
 - **Addressing Challenges:** The event will provide a platform for in-depth discussions on the challenges encountered during the implementation of these healthcare schemes and brainstorming solutions.
 - **Analysis of Healthcare Trends:** Participants will delve into emerging healthcare trends and their potential implications for the future of healthcare in India.
 - **Sharing Best Practices:** Stakeholders will have the opportunity to exchange best practices, fostering knowledge sharing and synergy among all involved parties.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. When was the International Day for Universal Access to Information proclaimed by the UNGA

- A. October 28, 2015
- B. October 15, 2019
- C. November 17, 2015
- D. September 28, 2019

ANSWER: B

2. What Organization Declared September 28 As The International Day For Universal Access To Information

- A. United Nations
- B. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- C. World Health Organization (WHO)
- D. International Maritime Organization (IMO)

ANSWER: B

3. Which Day Is World Maritime Day Celebrated On

- A. The last Thursday of every September
- B. September 28
- C. October 15
- D. November 17

ANSWER: A

4. What Is The Theme Of World Maritime Day For This Year

- A. "Protecting the Oceans"
- B. "MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on"
- C. "Global Shipping Sustainability"
- D. "Maritime Safety and Security"

ANSWER: B

5. In Which Year Was The International Maritime Organization (IMO) Established

- A. 1950
- B. 1963
- C. 1948
- D. 1972

ANSWER: C

6. Where Was The India-us 2 Plus 2 Intersessional Dialogue Held

- A. New Delhi
- B. Washington
- C. New York
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: B

7. Who Led The Indian Delegation At The India-us 2 Plus 2 Intersessional Dialogue

- A. Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B. Vani Rao
- C. Prakash Negi
- D. Abhay Bhutada

ANSWER: B

8. What Is The Theme For Swachhata Hi Seva 2023

- A. "Clean India, Green India"
- B. "Garbage Free India"
- C. "Healthy India, Happy India"
- D. "Sustainable India, Better India"

ANSWER: B

9. Which Bank Partnered With Poonawalla Fincorp To Launch A Co-branded Credit Card

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. IndusInd Bank
- D. State Bank of India

ANSWER: C

10. Which Malayalam Film Has Been Chosen As India's Official Submission For The 2024 Academy Awards (Oscars)

- A. "Kerala Memories"
- B. "Monsoon Chronicles"
- C. "2018: Everyone is a Hero"
- D. "Floods of Resilience"

ANSWER: C

11. Why Did The RBI Cancel The License Of The Kapol Co-operative Bank Limited

- A. Insufficient capital
- B. Fraudulent activities
- C. Political interference
- D. Asset mismanagement

ANSWER: A

12. Who Won The Gold In The Women's 50m Rifle 3-P Individual Event At The Asian Games 2023

- A. Sift Kaur Samra
- B. Manu Bhaker
- C. Esha Singh
- D. Rui Liu

ANSWER: A

13. Where Was The 5th World Coffee Conference (WCC) Held

- A. London
- B. Bengaluru
- C. New York
- D. Paris

ANSWER: B

14. Which Organization Organized The 5th World Coffee Conference

- A. United Nations
- B. International Coffee Organization (ICO)
- C. World Health Organization (WHO)
- D. International Maritime Organization (IMO)

ANSWER: B

15. What Milestone Does 'Arogya Manthan 2023' Mark In India's Healthcare Sector

- A. 10th anniversary of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
- B. 5th anniversary of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
- C. 2nd anniversary of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
- D. 5th anniversary of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

ANSWER: D

16. Which Indian IT Company Has Announced A Strategic Collaboration With Microsoft

- A. TCS
- B. Wipro
- C. HCL Technologies
- D. Infosys

ANSWER: D

17. What Is The Goal Of The Collaboration Between Infosys And Microsoft

- A. To create a new IT conglomerate
- B. To develop cutting-edge AI solutions
- C. To merge both companies into one entity
- D. To compete with Amazon Web Services

ANSWER: B

18. Who Was Known As The 'Father Of Lok Sabha'

- A. Anantasayanam
- B. Bashyam
- C. GV Mavlankar
- D. Zakir Hussain

ANSWER: C

19. Who Advocated The Adoption Of ' PURA ' Model To Eradicate Rural Poverty

- A. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- B. Sri Abhijit Sen
- C. Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad
- D. Prof. A.M. Patha

ANSWER: A

20. Pen Name Of Rabindranath Tagore

- A. Bhanu Simha
- B. Gurudev
- C. Kabiguru
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D